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Sermon on Lincoln—Lesson on His Life
—Equal Privileges for All—
Rogerson—Judge Beers on Holland—
New Fire Department.

A large audience filled the Congregational church yesterday morning to listen to a sermon by Packard on Abraham Lincoln. The pulpit was draped with the national flag and from its front there was displayed a fine portrait of the great President. The organ loft was also draped with flags. Among other things Dr. Packard said that during great crisis in human history, heroes are discovered in unexpected places; strong souls are brought out for our safety, and from them comes inspiration for other souls. It is about 60 years ago, he said, since the "irrepressible conflict" began to awaken the consciences and arouse the attention of the North. At last the hour struck; the call came for a leader and commander of the people, and God raised up Abraham Lincoln. He was of the spirit of the gospel of Jesus. The people were not unready—those were great days and they found him brave. It is almost half a century now since the children of the nation began to notice this great savior of the people. We may think of Lincoln surrounded by his cabinet, but while the names of these men fade away in the mists of obscurity, Lincoln's form rises higher than all the others, and causes us to remember more and more the one—the Saviour of mankind. Quoting from the scriptures Mr. Packard said: "Behold my servant, my elect; I have poured my spirit upon him," etc. "He shall bring forth judgment and truth." He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; he knows the sorrows of the people. Castelar, in the Spanish parliament, paid a high tribute to Lincoln. This was quoted at length. Abraham Lincoln's life shows that he was prepared, through the providence of God, to meet such a great crisis in our nation's history. In a mountain cabin in Indiana, Kentucky, on Feb. 12, 1809, he was born. The conditions of his early life were humble and narrow. He had only three books in his entire life, little paper or pens and only a few months of schooling. He learned to write by tracing his name in the soft earth between rows of corn which he was hoeing. Abraham Lincoln was a man who wrote upon the great state papers of the nation and on the Emancipation Proclamation which released from bondage four million people, was probably first traced in the great mud on the mountain side. From clerk, flat-boatman, grocer, surveyor and lawyer, by steady development Abraham Lincoln rose to the Presidency. Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this great nation. His simple, honest, unselfish life was his greatest contribution and that to which every one may attain. As Castelar said: "He arms two million of men; fights 600 battles; emancipates four million slaves and dies in the moment of victory." Let us take some of the names of the hands of God in this history. At 19 in New Orleans Lincoln saw the horrors of slavery; families sold and separated; young women traded as merchandise and he said: "If ever I get a chance I will strike this thing hard." And he did. He came from the soil of the common people. It is in the west that the spirit of New England prevails, and from that part of the country we look for the model man. God brought him suddenly forward. He was unknown in the East. At the time he made his Cooper Union speech I was in college, reading Demosthenes and I remarked how much Lincoln's style was like that of the Greek orator. So it is with all great men and orators—they speak in simple and pure language which all men can understand. There were years when Lincoln only earned his scanty bread, and as the signs of his coming greatness. So it was with our great General Grant. No life is sublime all the way through. We must wait until it is finished, and then it will be known whether it will die down into ashes, or become a star in the sky. Lincoln possessed much of the child. We must have the spirit of the child. He was an incurable boy in the last. His jokes were better than messages to Congress. He possessed the saving grace of humor. His mental play, and it was only play, was the action of a mind intensely serious. He was never lifted above the feelings of a child. It was hard for him to sign a death warrant. Once he said: "My dear Stanton, I won't do it." The allusion was made to Lincoln's great speech, "A House Divided Against Itself" in which he said: "I see the storm coming; I know liberty is right, for it is the teaching of Christ, and if there is anything for me to do I am ready." He is known as the emancipator of a race. A man of the highest order comprehends elemental principles. While other men were uttering other cries about the war, Lincoln said: "Let us save the Union." The Emancipation proclamation is the greatest charter of freedom ever penned by man. Dr. Packard told of a meeting of the colored folks in Boston, at Faneuil hall, when they were waiting for the proclamation. Hope had almost died in their breasts; the hours passed on slowly into the night; the people were praying and in tears, when a man burst into the hall with the cry: "It's coming, it's on the wires!" An indescribable scene followed. In closing Dr. Packard spoke of the recent bloodless revolution in Turkey; of the great Italian earthquake and the world wide sympathy it had caused, and he said: "Guard carefully the principles for which Lincoln gave his life. Equality of privilege for all man kind is not accepted to-day in the Southern states; it is not accepted on the Pacific coast where men are trying to bring war upon us through fear of a few thousand Japanese; the loss of Nevada would not be felt in this nation! The same principles and laws must apply to all men."

It is estimated that at one time there were as many as 20 couples on the floor at the last Assembly dance. This was an unusually large number. Two well known gentlemen in town are seriously ill—Mr. Rufus Bunnell and Mr. E. H. Wadsworth. Miss Ethel Walbridge of Brooklyn is visiting Mrs. Grace Belden. Mr. George Jewell, our town treasurer, is rapidly becoming the champion billiard player of the Cupheag club. Three new members were added to the Odd Fellows' lodge in town last week. Two of them are Samuel Lockwood and Ernest Beardsley. Mr. W. E. D. Chamberlain, of Main street, has sold a house to Mr. Walter Hubbell, of the Hubbell Building Company.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

The death of Mary A. Willis occurred yesterday afternoon at the Bridgeport Hospital of oedema of the lungs. The deceased had been ill but a short time. She was an operator in the Warner Bros. Corset Co. and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edward Schreiber, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Charles Ait, a former resident of this city, but more recently of New Haven, died at the Bridgeport Hospital last evening of endocarditis. The deceased was 29 years of age and is survived by a widow and a brother, a physician in New Haven. Mr. Ait was a barber and was last employed at the Atlantic hotel barber shop.

The funeral of Mary, wife of Charles Ait, was held yesterday afternoon at the undertaking parlors of M. J. Gannon, 1051 Broad street, and was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends. Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, assistant pastor of the Sacred Heart church officiated. The pall bearers were Michael Finnell, William McCombs, James Hickey and Joseph Meyers. Burial was in the family plot in Park cemetery.

Mrs. Juliette Bassett, a well known resident of Stepaney died suddenly yesterday morning at the home of her niece Mrs. Peter Reitter, Stepaney Depot. The deceased was in her 70th year but has been suffering for a short time with a heart affection. She was feeling fairly well yesterday morning when she was stricken suddenly, and died before medical aid could be summoned. Medical Examiner Frank J. Wales pronounced death due to cardiac valvular disease of the heart. The deceased had made her home with her niece for the past three years.

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